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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT POLICY

REF: BOGOTA 3606, 2532; STATE 69120

1. THE U.S. CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT POLICY, AS APPLIED TO VESSELS INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, IS OUTLINED IN CIRCULAR ENF-1-0:CP DATED APRIL 11, 1975, A COPY OF WHICH WAS HAND CARRIED RECENTLY TO THE EMBASSY NARCOR. THIS POLICY PARALLELS IN ALL ESSENTIAL RESPECTS THE OUTLINE FOR THIS ENFORCEMENT POLICY PROVIDED THE EMBASSY EARLIER IN OFFICIAL INFORMAL CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSED WITH THE AMBASSADOR HERE. THE ENFORCEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES ARE SUPPORTED BY EXISTING LAW. NO NEW LAWS ARE INVOLVED.

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2. THE POLICY HAS WORLDWIDE APPLICATION AND IS NOT DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AT ANY ONE SHIPPING LINE OR COUNTRY. HOWEVER, SINCE GRANCOLOMBIANA VESSELS HAVE A RECORD OF BEING MOST FREQUENT VIOLATORS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES LAWS, WE EXPECT IMPACT LIKELY TO FALL HEAVIEST ON THEM. FOR THIS REASON, YOU MAY WISH TO BRIEF GOC AUTHORITIES AND OFFICIALS OF GRANCOLOMBIANA LINES ON NEW ENFORCEMENT POLICY.

3. IN THIS RESPECT YOU MAY POINT OUT: (1) WE ARE GRATIFIED BY SELF-POLICING MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY GOC AS REPORTED IN REFTEL. (2) WE WOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN ANY ADDITIONAL MEASURES THEY MAY WISH TO TAKE IN STOPPING THIS TRAFFIC, SUCH AS PROVIDING DETECTOR DOGS AND RELATED TRAINING AND LIGHT SEA AND AIR PATROL CRAFT TO MONITOR VESSELS AFTER DEPARTURE FROM COLOMBIAN PORTS TO ASSURE NARCOTICS ARE NOT PLACED ABOARD AT SEA. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY PROPOSALS FROM MISSION AND GOC. (3) THE SELF-POLICING MEASURES ALREADY INITIATED BY GRANCOLOMBIANA AND GOC HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF HIGHEST LEVELS OF U.S. CUSTOMS WHICH IS ENCOURAGED BY THIS DEMONSTRATION OF COOPERATION. IN VIEW OF THIS COOPERATION, CUSTOMS HAS ASSURED DEPARTMENT THAT IT WILL BE ADVISED IF ANY OF THE MORE STRINGENT PENALTY ACTIONS UNDER THE ENFORCEMENT POLICY ARE TO BE TAKEN. FYI. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE SELF-POLICING MEASURES BEING TAKEN, IF MAINTAINED AND EXPANDED, MIGHT JUSTIFY MODERATING PUNITIVE MEASURES SUCH AS FINES (TO BE DISTINGUISHED FROM ACTION DESIGNED PRINCIPALLY TO LOCATE NARCOTICS). FOR THIS REASON DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS CONCERNING MEASURES BEING TAKEN AND ANY SUCCESS IN SEIZURES OR ARRESTS TO SUPPORT GRANCOLOMBIANA'S CASE. END FYI.

4. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE NEW ENFORCEMENT POLICY AND THE SELF-POLICING MEASURES WILL DISCOURAGE COCAINE TRAFFICKING ON COLOMBIAN VESSELS. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER ACTION BY GOC BY BOTH OFFER OF ASSISTANCE AND THREAT OF STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS. BUT, WE DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE SINGLING OUT GRANCOLOMBIANA AT TIME WHEN IT IS TAKING EXTRAORDINARY STEPS TO POLICE ITSELF. PLEASE REPORT
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RESULTS OF YOUR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOC AND GRANCOLOMBIANA. KISSINGER

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